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SUBJECT: BASIC ECONOMIC DATA ON PORTUGAL

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1. THE DEPARTMENT IS ASSEMBLING ECONOMIC DATA FOR USE IN NECESSARY BRIEFINGS ON THE PROPOSED THREE-STAGE MULTI-LATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PORTUGAL. WE HAVE FOUND THAT MUCH OF THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION FOR CALENDAR YEARS 1974 THROUGH 1977 IS UNAVAILABLE, OUT OF DATE, OR IN MANY CASES INCONSISTENT.

2. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE LATEST DATA ON PORTUGAL'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT ITS BEST ESTIMATES FOR THE YEARS 1974-77 FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

-- GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT (IN US DOLLARS).

-- YEARLY PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN GNP (IN CONSTANT
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DOLLARS).

-- UNEMPLOYMENT RATES,AS PERCENT OF THE LABOR FORCE AND
THE APPROXIMATE NUMBERS OF UNEMPLOYED.

-- ANNUAL INCREASES IN CONSUMER PRICES.

-- PERCENTAGE INCREASES (OR DECREASES) IN REAL WAGES.

-- EXTERNAL AND DOMESTIC DEBT (IN US DOLLARS).

-- TOTAL POPULATION IN METROPOLITAN PORTUGAL, THE
AZORES AND MADEIRA ISLANDS, INCLUDING AND EXCLUDING
GUEST WORKERS IN THE REST OF EUROPE.

3. THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES DIFFICULTY OF ACQUIRING
RELIABLE DATA. NEVERTHELESS, THE EMBASSY'S BEST ESTIMATES
WOULD BE USEFUL IN ASSEMBLING THE CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING
PAPERS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. KISSINGER

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